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Staff meeting.

I cleared with Dean the return to the United States of the Hungarian crown, royal robe, and other regalia, which is in American custody in the American zone of Germany. These articles will be flown back here and placed in safe storage. The Hungarian Government has on several occasions demanded [redacted] they be turned over to it, but we have refused to do so. This matter is being handled [redacted] secretly, since otherwise it would cause a stir.

I had a talk with Eddie Miller this morning about my trip to Mexico.

Then I went to see Dr. Weems and, to my great satisfaction, found my blood pressure was 120 over 75, the lowest for many years.

The Danish Ambassador, and Messrs. Ronhovde and English, met [redacted] me to discuss compensation for the remaining Danish ships.

E. came down, and Truman cooked us lunch.

Russell Forgan, Jr., called on me this afternoon. He is a Lieutenant in the Field Artillery, and wanted to discuss the possibility of his later entering the Foreign Service. He is [redacted] an attractive young man.

Frank Gigliotti called in connection with the furore in Italy over the failure to renew the permit of the Church of Christ, a Texas organization, to carry on its services near or in Rome. I talked to Homer Byington about this, and we are awaiting a report from our Ambassador.

Mr. Harrington entertained me for a half hour on the subject of the migration of shell fish, especially shrimps, and the various difficulties facing us in connection with international fisheries agreements. This

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is [redacted] which always gives me much pleasure, [redacted]

The Austrian Minister of Finance Reinhard Kamitz, the Austrian Ambassador, Messrs. Perkins and Hilton met with me. They had previously discussed the substantive matters of interest to the Austrian Government, and this was merely a courtesy visit.

We had a meeting in the Secretary's office this afternoon, to go over the Mexican proposal for the disposition of prisoners of war in connection with the Korean armistice.

I was host at a reception at Blair House in honor of 13 members of the French Parliament and 4 French Government officials, as well as a miscellaneous lot of U. S. officials. I was [redacted] glad to see many of my old French friends.

Tonight, Ronny and Marietta Tree, Air Chief Marshal Elliott and Helen Kirkpatrick came to dinner with us.

The children arrived back tonight, looking [redacted] well.

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